

APPROVED: Meeting No. 38-89

ATTEST:



MAYOR AND COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND
Meeting No. 37-89

July 31, 1989

The Mayor and Council of Rockville, Maryland, convened in Public Hearing in the Council Chamber, Rockville City Hall, Maryland Avenue at Vinson Street, Rockville, Maryland, on July 31, 1989 at 7:30 p.m.

PRESENT

Mayor Douglas M. Duncan

Councilmember Steve Abrams

Councilmember James Coyle

Councilmember Viola Hovsepian

Councilmember David Robbins

In attendance: City Manager Bruce Romer, City Clerk Sharon Gran and City Attorney Paul Glasgow.

Re: Public Hearing: Goals Task
Force Report on the Revised
Goals for the City of Rockville

The Mayor and Council conducted a public hearing on the Goals Task Force Report on the Revised Goals for the City of Rockville. The Mayor and Council heard all those persons as can be found in the official stenographic transcript. There being no other person wishing to be heard, the Mayor declared the hearing closed, with the record to be left open for 45 days until September 14, 1989, at 5:00 p.m.

Re: Citizens' Forum

At this time, the Mayor opened the meeting to hear from any citizen who wished to address the Mayor and Council.

1. Richard Resnick, North Farm Citizens Association, noted concerns with the construction of Tower Oaks Boulevard. The trees providing a buffer between his

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neighborhood and Montrose Road had been cut down to make room for another lane, and he requested that the City take steps with the County to insure that the County's landscaping plan includes plantings along Montrose Road. The other major concern addressed was the fact that the traffic light at Tower Oaks Boulevard would not be operating when construction of the road was completed, making it extremely difficult for residents to make a left turn out of their neighborhood. Mayor Duncan stated that the City would follow-up with the County; Mr. Romer noted that a preliminary review had already been completed and that a report would be forwarded to the Mayor and Council.

There being no other citizen wishing to be heard, the Mayor closed the Citizens' Forum portion of the meeting.

Re: Approval of Minutes

Upon motion of Councilmember Robbins, duly seconded, with Councilmember Hovsepien abstaining, the minutes of Meeting No. 35-89 (July 19, 1989) were approved, as amended.

Upon motion of Councilmember Abrams, duly seconded, with Mayor Duncan and Councilmember Coyle abstaining, the minutes of Meeting No. 36-89 (July 24, 1989) were approved, as amended.

Re: FYI/Correspondence

Councilmember Hovsepien asked for a diagram depicting the mixing bowl (intersection of Routes 355 and 28) improvements. She also requested clarification regarding the Falls Road sidewalk project.

In reference to two letters recently received commending the performance of Lt. Yates and Sgt. Waldt's Team, Councilmember Hovsepien expressed her appreciation for the efforts of the Police Department as they continue to move forward with emphasis on community services.

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Re: New Business

Councilmember Abrams addressed the results of the inquiry into the Board of Appeals, noting that he is satisfied that the members have acted impartially in all of their actions. Councilmember Coyle expressed concern with the impression the public had been left with when questions were raised regarding the Board of Appeals. It was agreed that this issue would be placed on the agenda for August 7.

Mayor Duncan polled the members of the Council as to their recollections of a decision to allocate \$30,000 from the CIP to the Montgomery County Historical Society. It was agreed that no funds had been approved in the FY1990 CIP for the Historical Society.

Mayor Duncan commented on the wonderful performance of Shakespeare on Wheels the previous Saturday in Town Center, noting that he hoped a similar performance could be scheduled for next year.

It was also noted by Mayor Duncan that on August 3, at 6:30 p.m., there will be a dedication of a mural painting on one of the walls at North Washington Street and Middle Lane. The mural illustrating aspects of the universe was done by several students at Julius West and one student from Richard Montgomery under the direction of Patricia Dubroof, Rockville's artist in residence.

Regarding the traffic problem on Anderson Avenue and the petition submitted by residents, Mayor Duncan requested a memorandum outlining the steps being taken by the City to resolve the problem.

Re: Executive Session

The Mayor and Council convened in executive session at 8:39 p.m. to discuss property and personnel matters.

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Re: Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Mayor and Council, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m., to convene again in General Session at 7:30 p.m. on August 7, 1989, or at the call of the Mayor.